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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 September 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-10, 12 and 13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-10, 12 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Final Drawing Review (PTO-64C)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/11/2010.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is responsive to an amendment filed on 09/02/2010. Claims 7-10, 12 and 13 are pending. Claim 13 has been newly added.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments in the 09/02/2010 Remarks have been fully considered but they are not persuasive because of the following:

Regarding claims 8, 10 and 12, the applicant argues on pages 6-8 that none of the prior arts teaches the added limitation "the object device being associated with an object that, along with the object device, is located in physical proximity to the portable communication device". Examiner respectfully disagrees with the applicant's argument. It is because, the claimed "physical proximity" is too broad and the claimed "physical proximity" can be any range between the portable communication device and the object device. Rhoads teaches this limitation (see fig.4; col.25, lines 13-14).

Thus, the rejection of the claim will remain.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims 8-10, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rhoads (U.S. 7,565,294) in view of Beerman, Jr. et al. (U.S. 6,084,952) further in view of Wakabayashi (U.S. 7,065,189).

Regarding claims 8, 10, 12 and 13, with respect to fig.1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, Rhoads teaches an apparatus comprising:

a processor (fig.8) (Note: processor is inherent in the clearinghouse.); and

a memory including computer code, the memory and the computer program code configured to, with the processor, cause the apparatus to perform at least the following:

Rhoads further teaches determining to transmit an identity tag (col.21, lines 54-65, col.24, lines 23-31). However, Rhoads does not specifically teach an identity tag indicative of the identity of the apparatus. Beerman teaches an identity tag indicative of the identity of the apparatus (fig.4; col.9, lines 25-31). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Rhoads to incorporate an identity tag indicative of the identity of the apparatus in Rhoads's invention in order to provide secured communication to a particular device.

Rhoads further teaches a transmitted identity tag being receivable by the clearinghouse [i.e., object device] and to cause/authorize downloading of information not otherwise addressed to any particular entity from the object device to a recipient device [i.e., terminal] identified by the address information associated with the identity tag (abstract; fig.8, 9; col.21, lines 54-65, col.23, lines 13-35, col.24, lines 23-31).

However, Rhoads in view of Beerman does not specifically teach the identity tag being configured to enable the object device to obtain address information. Wakabayashi teaches being configured to enable the object device to obtain address information (fig.3, fig.4, item 105; col.3, lines 18-26). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Rhoads to incorporate the identity tag being configured to enable the object device to obtain address information in view of Beerman's invention in order to provide address of a recipient based on caller address information without user input of the recipient address.

Rhoads further teaches that the clearinghouse [i.e., object device] is associated with a database [i.e., object] that, along with the object device, is located in physical proximity to the apparatus (col.21, lines 54-65, col.24, lines 23-31, col.25, lines 13-14).

Claim 9 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 7. Furthermore, Rhoads teaches that the wireless Internet device [radio communication device] is inherently a passive device (fig.1).

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

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the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MD S. ELAHEE whose telephone number is (571)272-7536. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, FAN TSANG can be reached on (571)272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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